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SUBJECT: Media Reaction: Qatari papers on the 2007 Trafficking in Persons report Qatar 06/14/2007

1. Summary: Only two of Qatar's six dailies reported on the 2007 TIP report on Qatar. English daily Gulf Times published the report in full with commentary denouncing U.S. "hypocrisy" in issuing it. Arabic daily Al Sharq did not publish the contents of the report but its deputy chief editor used a brief mention of the report to launch into a fiery editorial in which he accused the White House of practicing trafficking in persons.

2. Headlines:

Gulf Times on June 13, 2007

-- U.S. report on human trafficking cites Qatar violations.
-- Trafficking is not a one-way street.

Al Sharq on June 14, 2007

-- The American Embassy in Doha distributes a State Department report that insults our intelligence.
-- The worst human rights violation record is held by America.
-- Can the U.S. Embassy prepare a report on the secret prisons of the U.S.?

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-- Under the excuse of protecting national security, the American administration practices the worst crimes history has seen.
-- Trafficking in persons is being practiced inside the White House; why does no one talk about that?

3. BLOCK QUOTES:

"Trafficking is not a one-way street"

Semi-independent English "Gulf Times" (06/13/07):

"The United States government yesterday saw fit to release a report that added four Middle East countries regarded as allies in Washington to a human trafficking blacklist. They were Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman and Qatar. The timing was impeccable. On Sunday a UK national newspaper published a picture of a CIA secret rendition flight arriving in Britain. The aircraft had taken a circuitous route from a military camp in Virginia to a facility in Malta via an RAF base in Suffolk. That there is a global network of illegal jails used to detain and torture suspected terrorists regarded by the US as security threats was highlighted by a recent Council of Europe human rights organization report...Yesterday Gulf Times published the findings of a federal appeals court in Virginia, which ruled in a split verdict that Ali al-Marri, formerly of Qatar, could no longer be held as an 'enemy combatant' in a military prison in South Carolina. He had been in various military jails since 2003 without being charged. The judgment was another blow to the efforts of President George W. Bush to continue to exercise absolute powers that make a mockery of the U.S. justice system that it so forcefully defends when Bush's critics circle the wagons...In the meantime, the well attended and well reported two-day Conference on International Migration, hosted in Qatar this week, discussed the many important subjects that the U.S. trafficking report highlighted and was another example that human rights were now high on the region's agenda. All countries have to address their shortcomings and act - that should also be the message sent to a squabbling U.S. Congress trying to determine the outcome of the country's controversial immigration bill - so who is doing more to confront the issues of human rights? We will let you decide.

"The worst human rights violation record is held by America"

Jaber Al Harami, Deputy Chief Editor, semi-independent Arabic "Al-Sharq" (06/14)(informal Embassy translation):

"American arrogance has a different color every day. At every moment American talks about purity while it drowns in depravity. America talks about human rights while its record on human rights violations is the worst. America is using the whole world as a field to wage

wars on those who would contradict its opinion and thoughts. President Bush in his war on what so called "terrorism" said: "Those who are not with us are against us." The United States uses its reports -which are composed in dens of thieves such as the State Department, the Congress, the Pentagon, and of course the White House - as a justification to accuse countries of the world. The United States talks about violations of human rights while it forgets its flying and mobile prisons, not to mention Guantanamo. The United States talks about freedom while it suppresses it and kills innocent people in the process, they bombed Al Jazeera offices in Kabul and Baghdad and they were planning to bomb Al Jazeera in Doha! America asks the countries of the world to open their markets to foreign manpower and to competition while at the same time they canceled the Dubai port deal under the justification of protecting the national security. Does has Washington have national security while other countries don't?

America talks in its reports that are distributed via its embassies about human rights and trafficking in person and sponsorship system, and at the same time it practices slavery against the people of world, and the sponsorship system which America raise in the face of the GCC states: Americans implement it, America requires a sponsor for those who want to live there.

Violations committed in the GCC states are done by individuals and companies, it is not the official practice or stance of the governments, while the American administration officially violates countries, individuals, governments, and if any one decided to stand up for it, sanctions and boycotts will be the answer.

America talks in its fake reports about Trafficking in Persons in GCC states, we don't know what kind of trafficking they are talking about, and why the United States does not look to the practice of TIP inside the White House. Why doesn't the US talk about the exploitation of women in America? Where are the rights of the Mexicans?
What is America, the guardian of democracy, doing in the Arab world? America is the enemy of the people of the world.

The State Department's report on TIP, which the U.S. embassy in Doha distributed, insults our intelligence and was full of mistakes which were very provocative. We hope the U.S. Embassy in Doha will take the initiative and print a report on U.S. human rights violations. It will consume the budget of the Embassy, because the report will be printed in thousands of pages.

The great Arab poet Al Mutannabbi said:
"If defamation comes from an incomplete person (that lacks credibility) this means that I am complete."

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